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Amendments to Specification:

Please amend the following paragraph of the application, as shown:

[Page 4, Line 19] An ISH is a hardware component that links business or residential user devices such as telephones and computers to the broadband, wide area network through a plurality of user interfaces and at least one network interface. A suitable ISH is described in ~~co-pending U.S.~~

~~Pat. App. No. 09/226,575 U.S. Patent No. 6,272,553~~ entitled "Multi-Services Communications Device," filed on January 7, 1999 (Sprint docket number 1246), issued on August 7, 2001,

which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. The network interface typically is a broadband network interface such as ADSL, T1, or HDSL-2. Examples of user interfaces include telephone interfaces such as plain old telephone system (POTS) ports for connecting telephones, fax machines, modems, and the like to the ISH; computer interfaces such as Ethernet ports for connecting computers and local area networks to the ISH; and video ports such as RCA jacks for connecting video players, recorders, monitors, and the like to the ISH.

[Page 13 , line 17] At step 100 shown in Figure 2, the system sync function is triggered by the start up of the system. Start up means that the system is installed and has power turned on. Start up occurs upon initial installation of the system, but also occurs each time that power to the system is turned off, e.g. when power at outlet 87 is lost for sufficient time to deplete the backup power supply battery pack 90. In step 102, the system issues a DHCP, dynamic host control protocol, request to the CO 30. In response to this request, the CO DHCP server provides the ~~THIS ISH~~ with a unique IP address to identify the ISH itself. The DHCP server also supplies the name of the appropriate configuration file, a list of domain names of configuration file servers

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where the configuration file is stored and a list of IP addresses for domain name servers which can provide IP addresses for the configuration file servers. In the preferred embodiment, the configuration file servers are standard TFTP, trivial file transfer protocol, servers.